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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: APPROACH TO HOST GOVERNMENTS

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1. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER GRIFFITH AND CHARGE CALLED AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TODAY TO MAKE POINTS AS OUTLINED REFTEL. GERMAN AMBASSADOR INVITED BY GRIFFITH TO ACCOMPANY BUT PREFERRED TO HAVE GRIFFITH SIMPLY STATE THAT HE ASSOCIATED HIMSELF FULLY WITH BHC'S PRESENTATION. BHC LEFT COPY OF TALKING POINTS WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPUTY PERMANENT SECRETARY. BHC HAD ARRANGED TO MAKE PRESENTATION TO PERMANENT SECRETARY BUT LATTER WAS SUMMONED AT THE LAST MOMENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

2. BEFORE LAUNCHING SUBSTANTIVE POINTS TO BE MADE (REFTEL), BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER RECALLED PRIME CONFIDENTIAL

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MINISTER JONATHAN'S RECENT EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR AAP AND CURRENT AFRO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE. PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT TO JOHN TIMLINSON, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DURING LATTER'S VISIT HERE IN LATE MAY. AT CLOSE OF PRESENTATION, DEPUTY PERMANENT SECRETARY POSED SEVERAL QUESTIONS TO BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER AIMED GENERALLY AT EVOKING

BHC'S OPINION AS TO WHETHER EITHER PATRIOTIC FRONT OR PARTIES TO INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WOULD EVER AGREE TO SIT DOWN AT ROUND TABLE WITH OTHER PARTIES. DPS ASKED BHC WHETHER HE DID NOT FEEL THAT PATRIOTIC FRONT IS UNDER SUCH STRONG INFLUENCE OF "OTHER PARTIES" THAT FRONT WOULD NOT BE ABLE FREELY TO DECIDE TO ATTEND ROUND TABLE. BHC AND CHARGE ANSWERED DPS'S QUESTIONS IN GENERAL BY INDICATING THAT PATRIOTIC FRONT HAD NOT REJECTED ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AND WAS PREPARED, WE BELIEVED, TO PARTICIPATE IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS WERE MET. WITH REGARD TO PARTIES TO INTERNAL SETTLEMENT, BHC MADE POINT THAT ALTHOUGH THEY HAD STATED THEY SAY NO NEED FOR A MEETING OF ALL PARTIES, THEY HAD NOT CLOSED THE DOOR TO THE IDEA.

3. DPS SAID HE WOULD BRING BHC'S PRESENTATION TO ATTENTION OF PERMANENT SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER.
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